

## **CTK E-News Contents August 11, 2016**

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### **A Note from Ken Greble**

*"<sup>1</sup>Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, you who lead Joseph like a flock! You who are enthroned upon the cherubim, shine forth<sup>2</sup>before Ephraim and Benjamin and Manasseh. Stir up your might, and come to save us!...<sup>8</sup>You brought a vine out of Egypt; you drove out the nations and planted it. <sup>9</sup>You cleared the ground for it; it took deep root and filled the land."*

This Sunday's lectionary Psalm is from psalm 80. I have shared above four verses that for me created a vision of hope! What do you see?

The Psalms can seem difficult to understand. Yet they are smack dab in the middle of the Bible (Literally! Go ahead and open up your Bible to the center without looking at page numbers...). These were central to the Jewish faith, as they are now central to the Christian faith. Many Christian traditions include them in a daily practice of reading. In fact, almost all monastic orders read the entire book completely weekly or monthly depending on the rules of the particular order.

This book, found deep within the Bible is often, referred to as the songbook or poetry of scripture. There are stories of struggle, triumph, love and anger yet through each is the thread of the presence of a God that wants a relationship with each of us and the desire of the writer to sense God's presence. A God that seeks the best for each of us from of all that creation has to offer. A God in whom, we ultimately, place all our eternal hope upon.

Sometimes this may be hard to see in the Psalms and even our lives today. However, I do not believe that we are meant to know all that God knows. In addition, we are not supposed to see all that God sees. Although, because we are a part of the same seed that has taken, "deep root and filled the land" we have a felt sense of God's presence which gives us faith. In this faith, we find assurance and encouragement. As you join me in reading the Psalms, I hope you find a connection with the ancient stories and emotions of God's people struggling just as you and I struggle today. Perhaps in your prayers you can find a way to cry or sing out to God in your sadness and joy. Perhaps you can create new Psalms that can mix into the rich human song that God listens to each day.

May the peace and strength of Jesus Christ be with you today each moment...

Ken

## **Announcements**

### **Sunday School**

Out for the summer, see you in the fall!!

### **Church Council**

We will not have a Council meeting in August. The next Church Council meeting is Sunday, September 18, 2015 immediately following worship. We meet the third Sunday of every month. Anyone is welcome to attend.

### **Pancake Breakfast**

Our next breakfast is this Sunday, September 4 at 8:45 a.m. This is a free meal provided by CTK Fellowship team. Everyone is welcome.

### **CTK Council**

Terri Forthoffer-President, Scott DeWitt-Vice President, Jean Pezzell-Treasurer, Sue Halamka\*-Financial Secretary, Sue Halamka\*-Recording Secretary, Gail Carlson, Cindy Goerke, Steve Halamka, Sue Gregory-Herfert, Gary Herfert, Robin Mitchell, Dan Smith (\*Not on Church Council)

### **Water Bottle Collection for Flint**

Car magnets are now available to order. The cost is \$12 each. Please see Scott to order. CTK will now be collection water bottles for the people of Flint. Please bring purchased water bottles to CTK. We will take the water bottles to Salem Lutheran church for distribution. Any questions see Scott DeWitt.

We currently have 10 drop-off locations around the area:

1. Metamora Shell & Tubby's - 3839 S. Lapeer Rd. Metamora
2. Pine Knob Mobile - 3492 S. Lapeer Rd. Metamora
3. Sunoco -1489 Lapeer Rd. Lapeer. Just north of the Hospital
4. Westside Market -2990 w. Genesee St. Lapeer
5. The Country Market - 2236 Imlay City Rd. Lapeer
6. Hadley Corner Store - 3500 S Hadley Rd. Hadley
7. H B's Country Market - 550 S Elba Rd. Lapeer
8. Country Side Stop In - 3892 Bronson Lake Rd. Lapeer
9. Sawdust Corners Marathon - 3528 N Lapeer Rd. Lapeer
10. Christ The King Lutheran Church-911 Baldwin Rd. Lapeer

### **Project for August**

Each month CTK will be collecting a specific item for an organization in Lapeer. For August we will collect school supplies for local elementary schools. Please bring items to CTK. Thank you!

### **Loons Game**

Mark your calendars for August 14- we will go to the Loons game in Midland. Cost is \$9 per person, kids 12 and under get free hotdog, chips and drink, we will carpool from CTK. Game starts at 2 pm. Please sign up on bulletin board so we know how many tickets to reserve.

### **CTK Spirit-wear Fundraiser**

We are ordering CTK Spirit-wear again. T-shirts, polos, hoodies, sweatshirts! This is a fundraiser for CTK. See the flier on the bulletin board for pricing and colors. Please sign up on the bulletin board.

### **CTK Golf Outing**

When: Sunday, August 28 at 12:00 noon

Where: Arcadia Hills 3801 Haines Rd, Attica, MI 48412

Cost: \$16.00 per person, includes 9 holes, cart, hotdog and pop.

If you would like to ride along (not golf) and eat cost is \$8.00 per person. You must be 16 years old to drive a golf cart.

Please sign up below so we can give the course an accurate count. See Bob Forthoffer for more information or if you would like to help with this event

Hotdogs and pop will be provided, please bring a dish to share.

### **SCRIP Gift Cards**

Here are the SCRIP cards we have available for purchase:

2 Arby's \$10  
Aeropostale \$25  
Mongolian Barbeque \$20  
Bob Evans \$10  
CVS \$10  
Disney Music \$15  
Footlocker \$25  
Journeys \$25  
Noodles and Company \$10  
3 Pizza Hut \$10  
Regis Salon \$25  
2 Taco Bell \$10  
Walgreens \$25

Please see Kaitlynn Tuckey, Scott DeWitt or Sue Halamka to purchase.

### **CTK Teams**

All our Team meetings are open to everyone. Please stop in and see what we are doing.

#### **Marketing & Publicity/ Outreach Team**

Marketing & Publicity Team and Outreach Team will meet together; our next meeting is August 14 immediately following worship. We meet the second Sunday of every month.

#### **Fellowship Team**

Next meeting is on August 14 at 9:30 a.m. We meet the second Sunday of every month

#### **Worship Team**

Our next meeting is Tuesday, September 13 at 5:30 p.m. We meet the second Tuesday of every month.

### **CTK Small Groups**

#### **Women's Group**

Women's group meets the second Tuesday of each month at 6:00 pm at CTK. We share a meal together, share stories and laughter. Our next meeting is September 13; please bring a dish to share!

#### **Women's Bible Study**

See you in the fall.

#### **Sowing Threads of Fellowship**

See you in the fall.

### **Schedule of Events**

#### **Sunday, August 14**

9:30 am Fellowship Team meeting  
10:00 am Worship  
11:00 am Fellowship  
11:00 am Marketing/Outreach Team meeting  
Loons Baseball Game

**Sunday, August 21**

10:00 am Worship

11:00 am Fellowship

**Sunday, August 28**

10:00 am Worship

11:00 am Fellowship

12:00 pm CTK Golf Outing\*

**Sunday, September 4**

8:45 am Pancake breakfast

10:00 am Worship

11:00 am Fellowship

**Sunday, September 11**

9:30 am Fellowship Team meeting

10:00 am Worship

11:00 am Fellowship

11:00 am Marketing/Outreach Team meeting

**Tuesday, September 13**

5:30 pm Worship Team meeting

6:00 pm Women's Group

**Sunday, September 18**

10:00 am Worship

11:00 am Fellowship

11:00 am Church Council meeting